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NOV. 11-13: DAYTON PEACE ACCORDS ANNIVERSARY EVENTS THIS WEEK

The fourth annual Dayton Peace Accords commemoration will include a two-day workshop designed to give back ownership of their country to the Bosnians, a black-tie dinner in honor of the Bosnian presidents and a joint "Concert for Peace" between the Dayton and Sarajevo philharmonic orchestras.

"We're going to look at ways in which we can, over the next three to five years, shift the process more quickly and efficiently to the Bosnians," says Bruce Hitchner, organizer of a series of anniversary events and director of the Center for International Programs at the University of Dayton. "The goal is to give them more responsibility and autonomy while downplaying the international community's role."

Highlights of the commemoration that are open to the media:

Thursday, Nov. 11 6 p.m.

A Department of State-supported roundtable discussion among state officials, including ambassadors Robert Frowick and James Pardew, Bosnian representatives and students from the University of Dayton and Wright State University, will take place at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. After officials give a short presentation, the audience will ask questions and offer comments on the state of Bosnia today and its future. For more information on the roundtable, call John McCance at (937) 257-6819.

Friday, Nov. 12 9 a.m.

A two-day workshop of Bosnian leaders, U.S. policy makers and academics begins at the Dayton Convention Center. This first session of the workshop (Room 306) is open to the public and will feature high-level officials and diplomats from both countries, along with representatives of non-governmental organizations.

12:30 p.m.

Lunch at the convention center (Room 305), at which time some of the workshop's main speeches will be given.

6:30 p.m.

A formal reception and dinner will be given in honor of the peacemakers of the Dayton accords. The event will be held in the Crown Plaza Ballroom. Highlighting the dinner will be a guitarist and soloist performing the song "Day One,"

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